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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr VAN DER LEK and Mrs PIERMONT, on behalf of the Rainbow Group, and

Mrs VAN DEN HEUVEL and Mr BALFE, on behalf of the Socialist Group

with request for topical and urgent debate pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on East Timor

PE 102.762
Or. En.

The European Parliament,

A. whereas ten years have elapsed (on 7 December of this year) since Indonesia invaded East Timor,

B. whereas since then some 200 000 people in East Timor, or one-third of the population, have died, directly or indirectly as a result of the violence committed by the Indonesian army,

C. whereas Indonesia, using in particular techniques such as the so-called strategic villages, the settlement policy of Indonesian colonists and compulsory instruction in the Indonesian language, is seeking to divorce the people of East Timor from their own culture and way of life,

D. whereas several religious leaders from East Timor and the bishops in Indonesia, Portugal and Japan and the Pope have expressed their concern at the situation in East Timor,

E. whereas the Indonesian authorities are attempting as far as possible to cut East Timor off from the outside world to conceal the true nature of their conduct,

F. whereas Portugal still regards East Timor as part of its territory,

G. whereas Portugal has undertaken in its constitution to promote the independence of East Timor in accordance with international law,

H. whereas the United Nations has already demanded on a number of occasions freedom, self-determination and independence for the people of East Timor,

I. whereas under the auspices of the UN Secretary-General a dialogue has begun between Indonesia and Portugal (at which no representatives of the people of East Timor are present), but is apparently making little headway,

J. whereas the leader of Fretilin in East Timor, J.A. Gusmao, said on 20 October in a radio broadcast by this organization that he would welcome a meeting with the UN Secretary-General, for example in East Timor,

1. Condemns the illegal occupation of East Timor by Indonesia;

2. Calls on the Indonesian Government to bring to an end immediately the violations of human rights in East Timor and its policy of acculturization;

3. Calls on the Indonesian Government and Fretilin to arrange an immediate ceasefire;

4. Calls on the Indonesian Government to stop preventing practically all observers and aid officials from visiting East Timor;

5. Calls on the Indonesian and Portuguese Government to include in their negotiations representatives of the population of East Timor as equal partners. Suitable representatives might come from the Catholic Church in East Timor and Fretilin;

6. Requests the UN Secretary-General to hold talks with the leader of Fretilin, J.A. Guamao;

7. Calls on the European Commission and the other Member States of the European Community to give vigorous support from 1 January 1986 to the new Member State Portugal in its constitutional obligation to seek independence for East Timor;

8. Calls on those Member States of the Community which supply weapons to Indonesia to halt supplies in protest against its conduct in East Timor;

9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission, the governments of the Member States, the UN Secretary-General and the governments of Portugal and Indonesia.

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